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tion? You can be that young lady's best friend, Mr. Tavernake, if you will.

Take me to her now, this minute. Be-

lieve me, if you do that, you will never

Tavernake studied the pattern of the

his own extraordinary sensations into

"Madam." he protested, "a few hours

"That is for me to judge!" she ex-

"We will see the rest of the house."

only a terse remark here and there.

to see?" he asked.

four hours."

had found the way!

"Is there anything else you would like

"Nothing." she replied. "but there is

who is what you call, I think, an in-

"Is the offer still open?" he asked.

him a vast sum of money. It repre-

Tavernake, however, had no such

He moved toward the door indeed,

"Madam," he said, "I am sorry to

but he drew a little away from her.

seem so obstinate. But I thought I had made you understand some time ago.

I do not feel at liberty to tell you any-

thing without that young lady's per

"You refuse?" she cried incredulous-

"You refuse a hundred pounds?"
He opened the door of the car. He

CHAPER VI.

Tavernake sat a few hours later at his

evening meal in the tiny sitting room

of an apartment house in Chelsea. He

wore a black tie, and although he had not

of his person and tollet showed signs

of a new attention. Opposite him was

yet aspired to a dinner coat, the details

what you could have in com- him imagined that he was hesitating.

tell me anything."

mission."

Beatrice.

He waited in stolid silence.

He shook his head

regret it as long as you live."

plain, methodical attempts to fling but Tavernake re-the bracelet. The and he descends to the
re the bracelet, explaining
was the guilty party and
triket for a joke. Beatrice
I repudiates his attempt to
easing the theft,
lie house, and Tavernake,
has been aroused by her
With great difficulty he
talk, and discovers that she
in food for days. He protake dinner at a restaurant,
consents. When she makes
at Tavernake is moved by
than sympathetic curlosity
o call a taxleab and drive
thankenet.

prehend, and he disliked the position intensely. After all, delay seemed more or less can make but little difbefore Tavernake can when a store, and pales and demands her away. He bundles she faints. After vaining in a hotel Tavernake is dingy office, and she nut to find him busily at side of a screen which he her bed. He sends the assist her and them takes restaurant for breakfast. he expisins to her that he shaw him what the her bed. all the difference in the world." chemist's shop. She almost dragged me fainting when we reached the taxicab. the duties of his test to regard her as I have received her permission, there-shaken. Wenham Gardner fore, to disclose her whereabouts, we

HAPTER IV. (Continued) nust try," she begged, lay-

upon his shoulder. whelming passion. Without the smile rnake, do please try. You her lips seemed hard, even cruel. There angry. what all this anxiety were evil things shining out of her eyes. I am not at all well Tavernake felt chilled, almost afraid. seriously worried aboutyoung lady. I tell you she declared coldly. inst have an interview They went on from room to room.

It is not for my sake so Tavernake, recovering himself rapidly. ers. She must be warned." master of his subject, was fluent and Tavernake repeated. "I practical. The woman listened, with t understand."

rse you don't!" she exclaimed Once more they stood in the hall. "Why should you under-I don't want to offend you, Mr. she went on hurriedly. "I to treat you quite frankly, one thing more I have to say." isn't your place to make diflike this. What is this young "Only a week ago," she went on, you that you should presume to looking him in the face, "I told a man er yourself her guardian?" is a boarding house acquaint- quiry agent, that I would give a hun-Tavernake confessed, "nothing dred pounds if he could discover that

Then why did you tell me, only a ent ago, that she was your sister?" Gardner demanded.

vernake threw open the door be- ham Gardner. After all, perhaps she which they had been standing. Lord Clumber is quite of money," he said thoughtfully. he said, "is the famous danc-

o allow the pictures to remain. She shrugged her shoulders. ly tell you that they are infor over sixty thousand pounds. no finer dancing room than Wr. Tavernake s swept around it carelessly.

it is very beautiful. I prefer genuousness of a child. our discussion."

frequently entertained Milan Court, and I will give you a sts for dinner. The system of

at the further end of the

"avernake," she said, making attempt to control her Mr. Tavernake." seem like a very sensible if you will allow me to say want to convince you that it ity to answer my questions. place-don't be offended. but I cannot possibly see rest you and that young lady in one another. You belong, stions, and it is not easy to haps more. The woman who watched

d. but Tavernake had noth-His gift of silence amounted Instead, wondering what strange thing almost to genius. She leaned had come to him that the mention of a hundred pounds, delightful sum though him while she waited in reply that the ermine about it was, never tempted him for a single ushed his cheek. The per-clothes and hair, the plead-might be true. She would probably be r deep violet-blue eyes, all able to discover the address easily keep him tongue-tied. Noth-s sort had ever happened to reflection seemed to make the least dif-He did not in the least ference. From the days of his earliest boyhood, from the time when he had flung himself into the struggle, money had always a struggle, by the struggle of the struggl

continued earnestly, "for had always meant much to him, money not for its own sake but as the key as you have promised to to those things which he coveted in that you have seen me life. Yet at that moment something am very, very anxious to stronger seemed to have asserted itself, stronger seemed to have asserted itself, and will come?" she whispered. here she is, she will very wn on her knees and beg passing her arm through his. "We will no no information whatever She will do her best to make keep us apart. And yet she does not under-Believe me, it is better that you me the truth. You cannot very well, Mr. Tavernake, but very wise, that young lady. mate, and she has some It is not well for her that I be left in the world alone.

ems a very sensible young seemed scarcely to have heard her. declared slowly. "I should "At about 11 o'clock to-morrow morn-ing," he announced, "I shall have the that she would have enough to know for herself vanted and what was best for pleasure of calling upon you. I trust man at his side wrung her halittle resture of calling upon you. I trus

see that for yourself, Mr.

th a little gesture of despair. y can't I make you underhe exclaimed, the emotion once vering in her tone. "How can n I possibly make you be-Listen. Something has hapwhich she does not know-It is absolutely in her own interests as well hat I see her, and that very

tell her exactly what you "Tell me," she asked, as soon as the emake answered, apparently small maid-servant who brought in aps it would be as well went on to view the sleep-

mind about the sleeping bookkeeping, or have you been out to

"I have been attending a rich American client," he announced, "a compatriot of your own. I went with her to Grantham House in her own motor car. believe she thinks of taking it." "American!" Beatrice remarked.
'What was her name?"

Tavernake looked up from his plate across the little table, across the bowl of simple flowers which was its sole decoration.
"She called herself Mrs. Wenham

Away like a flash went the newfound peace in the girl's face. She caught at er breath, her fingers gripped the table in front of her. Once more she was as he had known her first—pale, with any one. Do I look like it? Have I the haggard face.

appearance of a person of evil disposi-"I am quite sure." Tavernake declared calmly.

"You recognized her?" He assented gravely.

"It was the woman who stood in the parquet floor for several moments. It chemist's shop that night, signing her was a difficult problem, this. Putting name in a book," he said. He did not apologize in any way for the background, he was face to face the shock he had given her. He had with something which he did not comthe shock he had given her. He had

first morning, when they had break-fasted together at London Bridge, he had felt that he deserved her confidence, and in a sense it was a grievance with him that she had withheld it.

"Did she recognize you?" "Yes," he admitted. "I was sent for claimed. "You say that because you do into the office and found her there with not understand. A few hours may make the chief. I felt sure that she recognized me from the first, and when she agreed to look at Grantham House she "I will tell you exactly what is in insisted upon it that I should accommy mind," he said deliberately. "The pany her. While we were in the motor young lady was terrified when she saw car, she asked me about you. She you that night accidentally in the wished for your address."

"Did you give it to her?" the gir! away, and although she was almost cried, breathlessly. "No; I said that I must consult y

her greatest and chief anxiety was that first." we should get away before you could She drew a little sigh of relief. Never-follow us. I cannot forget this. Until theless, she was looking white and "Did she say what she wanted me

mg Mrs. Wenham Gardner as Tavernake's real estate that she is looking for a green commutes her as the appearance had terrified arms store. She asks him ook at a house. Once there at what she is really after a cound was just in time to see the change in the face of his companion. Before I came away she offered me a hundred pounds to let her know where you were."

away from her lips, her teeth were you were."
clenched. She looked like a woman
struggling hard to control some over"That is just like Eliza" "That is just like Elizabeth," she de clared. "You must have made her very When she wants anything she wants it very badly indeed, and she will never believe that every person has not his price. Money means every-thing to her. If she had it, she would

> "On the face of it." Tavernake remarked, soberly, "her offer seemed rather an absurd one. If she is in earnest, if she is really so anxious to discover your whereabouts, she will cerainly to be able to do so without my

"I am not so sure." Beatrice replied. "London is a great hiding place."
"A private detective"—he began.

Beatrice shook her head. "I do not think," she said, "that Elizaeth will care to employ a private detective. Tell me, have you to see her upon this business again?"

"I am going to her flat at the Milan young woman for me within twenty-Court to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Beatrice leaned back in her chair. Tavernake started, and the smile Presently she recommenced her dinner. came back to the lips of Mrs. Wen-She had the air of one to whom a respite has been granted. Tavernake. in a way, began to resent this continued dlence of hers. He had certainly hoped that she would at least have gone so far as to explain her anxiety to keep "Not so very much." she replied. "About a fortnight's rent of this house,

"You must remember," he went on after a short pause, "that I am in a somewhat peculiar position with regard She looked into his eyes, and her to you. Beatrice. I know so little that we no doubt," she admitted cold- face had once more the beautifut in- I do not even know how to answer in enuousness of a child.
"Mr. Tavernake," she said. "the offer Wenham Gardner asked me. I am not ning room." he went on, "is still open. Get into the car with me complaining, but is this state of absolute. Lord Clumber tells us and drive back to my rooms at the lute ignorance necessary?"

A new thought seemed to come for a hundred pounds at once. Beatrice. She looked at her companion It will be very easily earned and you curiously.

him by the arm and led him know where you are employed I could think of Mrs. Wenham Gardner? have you followed day by day until I Tavernake answered deliberately, and

discover for myself what you are so after a moment's reflection. foolishly concealing. He reasonable "I thought her," he said, "one of the Tavernake stood quite still. His arms in my life. That is not saying very were folded, he was looking out of the much, perhaps, but to me it hall window at the smoky vista of good deal. She was exceedingly graroofs and chimneys. From the soles clous and her interest in you seemed quite real and even affectionate. I do of his ready-made boots to his illbrushed hair, he was a commonplace not understand why you should wish

young man. A hundred pounds was to to hide from such a woman. "You found her attractive?" Bea-

trice persisted.
"I found her very attractive indeed," Tavernake admitted, without hesitation. "She had an air with her. She was quite different from all the women thought in his mind. He stood there I have ever met at the boarding house or anywhere else. She has a fa eminded me somehow of the Madonnas you took me to see in the National Gat ery the other day." Beatrice shivered slightly. For some

reason, his remark seemed to have dis ressed her. "I am very, very sorry," she declared,

that Elizabeth ever came to your office I want you to promise me, Leonard that you will be careful whenever you are with her."

Tavernake laughed.
"Careful!" he repeated. "She isn't likely to be even civil to me to-morrow when I tell her that I have seen you and I refuse to give her your address. Careful, indeed! What has a poor clerk in a house agent's office to fear from be there in less than five minutes, and such a personage? I will write you the check before you

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